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A difficult job with great rewards

Being an RA on campus can be a challenging job; however, it has its benefits.

BY SARAH FOLSOM
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SAINT LEO - How often do you do something nice and go unrewarded, unthanked? Are you inclined to do something nice for those who are ungrateful? More than likely not.

Saint Leo RAs go out of their way doing nice things for their residents, yet they remain unrecognized. Not everyone takes the time to thank those who really try to do things to improve the quality of living for them at Saint Leo, but they rightfully should.

To become an RA, students must take an RA class, SLU 115, where at the end they receive only one credit and are not guaranteed a job. Think about that…paying in *hopes* of getting paid. Not many people are willing to endure the fuss for a job they aren't assured of obtaining in the end. In SLU 115, potential RAs learn how to deal with situations that may arise and also how to detect early warning signs of homesickness and suicide. They learn how to interact with other students, while still upholding the rules and regulations of Saint Leo. At the end of the course potential RAs go through an application process and provide references to be reviewed, compared, and eliminated by Todd Justensen and his staff. Those who are not eliminated are informed before the end of the semester that they will be welcomed back as RAs the following year.

Old and new RAs come back to the Saint Leo campus three weeks before students start to arrive. During these three weeks, RAs are together from 8 a.m. until almost 11 p.m. everyday. They go on retreats and attend classes to get to know each other and their new job.

"Retreats allowed us to get to know the other RAs that we'd be working with," explained Lindsay Hayes, an RA in Benoit. "The classes covered things like CPR and how to deal with alcohol. When the three weeks were over, the reality of the situation started to sink in when residents started arriving."

"There are certain things that you don't expect," says Lindsay. "You know what the job is going into it, but it is hard to be prepared until you are in a situation."

No matter the building they are in, RAs are responsible for certain

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Youth must continue where King left off

STAFF EDITORIAL
The Oracle (U. South Florida)

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. - When Martin Luther King Jr. passed away in 1968, his work for justice and equality did not die.

His wife, Coretta Scott King, continued the activism that her husband began. Mrs. King died Tuesday morning, but her works and strength will surely be remembered.

King accomplished many things that paid tribute to her husband's memory, such as the creation of the King Center in Atlanta, a place dedicated to the memory of her husband and education through King's values, such as the use of nonviolence in order to achieve social justice.

Mrs. King is now the one to be honored and revered, just as she revered her husband after his death. She has left a legacy of her own through her strength and courage - courage that was first evidenced when she gave up her passion for singing to help spread King's message. Faith guided her in this decision, as friend Maya Angelou remembered on Good Morning America on Tuesday, "that's a decision that Mrs. King made with God before she made it with Martin King."

In the face of the ultimate adversity - losing a spouse - Mrs. King could have chosen not to go on, to wallow in sadness and self-pity. Yet she continued to make great strides in public forums through marches and demonstrations. However, it was in the raising of her and Dr. King's four children that many could see the continuance of her strength in the face of tragedy.

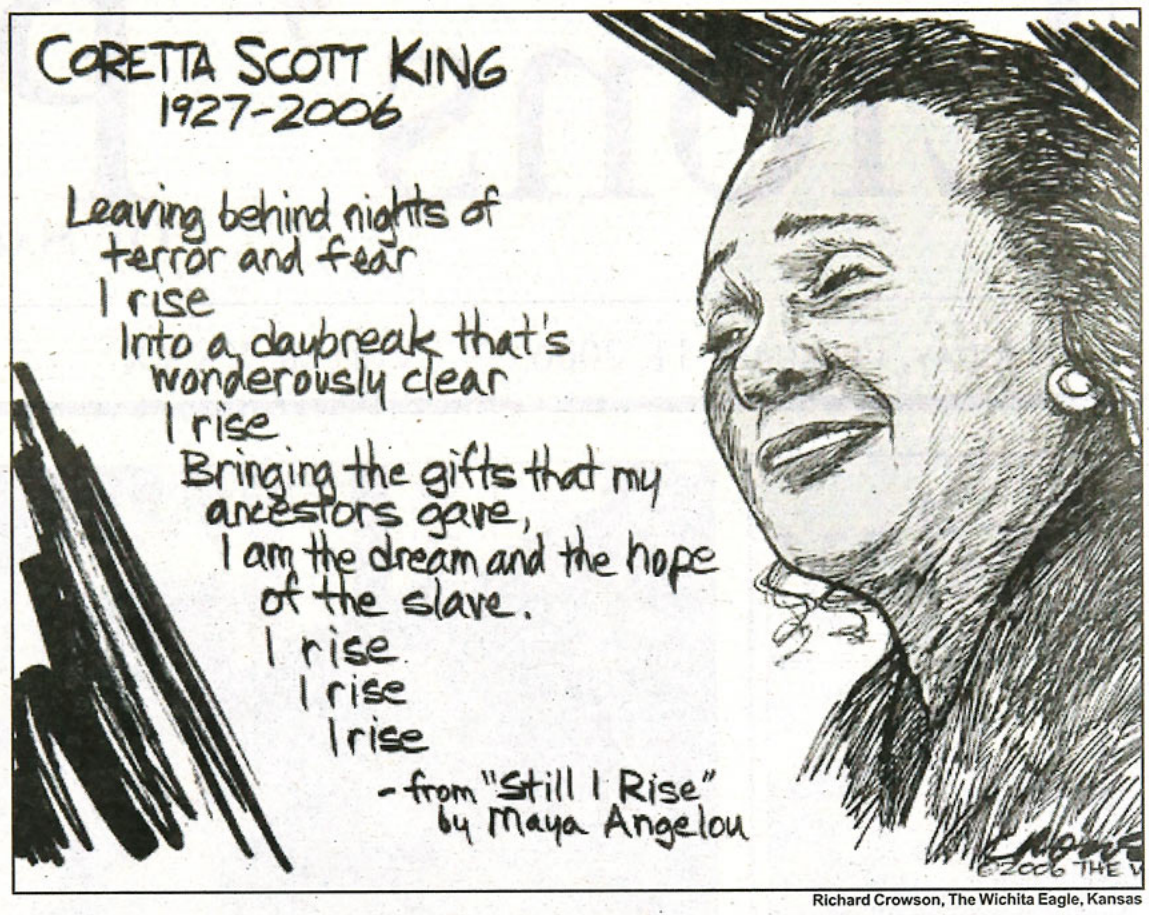
"When Dr. King first passed, there was sorrow and sadness, but she maintained control of her family and continued to do the work that Dr. King did," said Crystel Dawson, president of USF's Black Student Union.

King's death is difficult for many to come to terms with, as her passing comes just months after the loss of Rosa Parks, another significant figure in the civil rights movement. These two women had a significant impact in the lives of many, especially members of today's black youth.

"I view (King) and Rosa Parks as Mother Parks and Mother King because I am a black young woman and have that respect for them," Dawson said. "The effects of their work on my life and the way that I am able to live now feels like a mother or mother figure has passed away."

That respect and reverence that "Mother King" had been given in life will now be even greater in death, as her memory will live on through the work that she carried out and the strength and grace with which she did that work - work that will continue.

"These leaders passing away is very sad," Dawson said, "but it motivated me. Now is the time for the younger generation to step up and continue to fight for equality in American society."



Richard Crowson, The Wichita Eagle, Kansas

In memoriam: Coretta Scott King, queen of civil rights

BY STAFF EDITORIAL
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(U-WIRE) KINGSTON, R.I. - The old saying goes, "Behind every great man, there is a great woman." However, this is somewhat unfair to the woman — Shouldn't it be, "With every great man, there is a great woman?"

After the passing of Coretta Scott King, the wife of Martin Luther King Jr., on Tuesday morning, this saying immediately springs to mind. While the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. is celebrated every third Monday in January, it was only through the work of Coretta King that this holiday was recognized nationally.

Coretta King was also no stranger to the civil rights movement that her husband was a part of. She was active in protest movements at her college and used her skills as a singer to help initially attract people to rallies and concerts for equality.

Like her husband, it was clear that Coretta King would not give in to the corrosive element of racism present in society. She would not quit when white supremacists firebombed the family's house on New Year's Eve 1956. She would not quit when Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, delivering several of his speeches from his notes after the shooting. And she did not quit even up to her own death, speaking out on issues such as the war in Iraq, capital punishment and gay marriage.

It was clear that Coretta King sacrificed tremendously to help her husband strive for equality. During an April 1963 march in Birmingham, Ala., Coretta King took castor oil to hasten her pregnancy, so that Martin Luther King Jr. could see his baby girl before he was arrested for protesting on Good Friday.

Honoring the memory of Coretta King should be emphasized this week simply because it is Martin Luther King, Jr. week at the University of Rhode Island. In a loving, sacrificing relationship like they had, it is impossible to separate one partner from another. In such a relationship, both people change. Even Martin Luther King, Jr. said that he learned and revised some of his convictions because of the influence of Coretta King.

If you are at an event this week for Martin Luther King, Jr. week at the Multicultural Center, make sure you remember the man, but don't forget the woman with the man either. Without the support of Coretta King, Martin Luther King, Jr. would have undoubtedly been a different man than he was.

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The holiday for sweethearts

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SAINT LEO - Valentine's Day is known as the holiday of love, the holiday for sweethearts. But why is this day called Valentine's Day?

There are many different legends about Valentine's Day. However, the most popular belief is that Saint Valentine, who is the patron saint for this holiday, was a priest during the third century in Rome. When the Emperor, Claudius II, decided that single men made better soldiers for his army than married ones with wives and children, he banned marriages. Saint Valentine found this to be unfair and began to marry couples in secret. Claudius found out and sentenced Saint Valentine to death.

While Saint Valentine was in prison, he fell in love with the prison guard's daughter. This is when it is said that the first valentine was sent. He sent her a letter which stated at the end, "From your Valentine." This is where that expression came from.

The date of Valentine's Day is said to be in mid-February for many different reasons. Some people believe Valentine was put to death in this month, and so the holiday is celebrated in memory of his death.

In ancient Rome, February was the month of the beginning of spring, which is considered the month of purification. This came about because of "spring cleaning." People would clean their houses to purify them. This is also the time of the year, as Romans believed, that the birds begin to mate. Therefore, it's a very fertile time. These things attributed to the belief that Valentine's Day should be in February.

Today, millions of people across the world participate in celebrating this holiday with a loved one or someone special. What will you be doing?

Interesting facts about Valentineís Day

- Saint Valentine's body was given to an Irish priest by the name of Father Jon Spratt from Pope Gregory SVI. It can still be viewed every Valentine's Day at the Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin, Ireland.
- Cupid, the child-like winged deity that is associated with our modern day Valentine's Day, is the son of Venus, Roman goddess of love. In Greek mythology he is known as Aphrodite's son Eros.
- The oldest known Valentine's day card can be viewed at the British Museum.
- Valentine's day is the second highest ranking holiday for greeting cards. Christmas is the first.
- Approximately 85% of Valentine's Day card senders are women.
- In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia.

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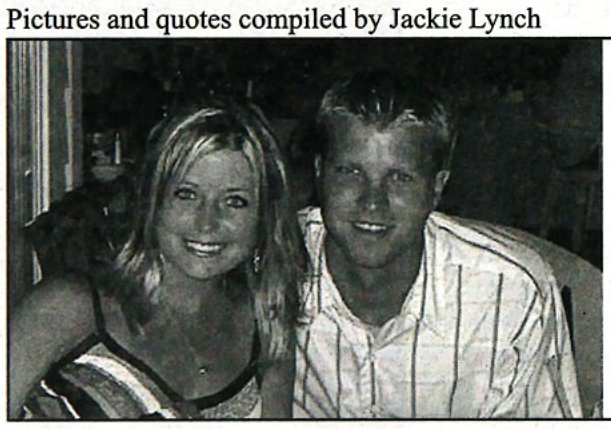
What does Valentineís Day mean to you?

Pictures and quotes compiled by Jackie Lynch



"This is our 2nd Valentine's Day together! Valentine's Day has always been a simple holiday for us. A nice card, a box of chocolate, and spending time with one another is all we need. A rose here and there is nice as well."

Jennifer Comegys & Ryan Clark

"Valentine's Day is a day to spend time together to express our everlasting love for one another."

Michael Newman & Danielle Folse

"Valentine's Day is a day set aside to celebrate being with each other and spending time with the one you care about."

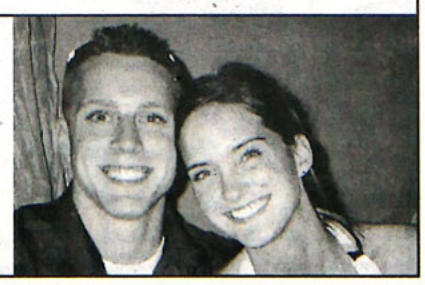
Kimberly "KC" Brown & Peter Golembiewski

"This will be our first Valentine's Day together! As long as we spend it together it will be the best!"

Heather Young & Matt Prowant

"I consider myself very lucky because I don't have to think of Valentine's Day as one day to share my thoughts and feelings because everyday is like that for me."

Catherine Dineen + Sean LaBelle



RAs Con't

duties. The first of every month they must make new name decorations for every door in which their residents reside; along with that, they must design and create a new bulletin board, usually located in their building. RAs must host two programs a month focusing on the core beliefs of Saint Leo. Besides these duties, RAs are also responsible for the students!

It is the job of RAs to be the authority figures in situations, and that is their job whether they like it or not. Whether RAs want to turn in one of their residents or not, they have to. Students need to recognize that RAs are not out to get them. Just as people go to work to watch over the fitness center or assist in the library, RAs go to work too. The difference is RAs are at work in their homes, and their hours are morning, noon, and night. The job description of an RA is unlimited. It is a common misconception that perhaps RAs don't like to have fun, or they don't like to party, and in most cases this is a misconception. RAs like to go out and do things, and they also like having fun, but when they are on campus, their job is to keep students under control, not to keep them from having a good time.

"It is hard being the enemy. We are hired to enforce the guidelines of the school, and I think that students should just follow those guidelines or risk the sanctions that come from breaking them. We don't make them break the rules," explained Dominic Mainelli, an RA in Henderson. "But the hardest thing for me is time management. I wasn't expecting to have to follow a specific schedule in order to get everything done I needed to."

RA Jenn D'Angiolillo explained that, "it is nerve wracking trying to enforce quiet hours, especially in a freshman dorm when you were a freshman once too and can relate to the residents."

Photographs by Jennifer Reilly

Top: Chelsea Grant, Jennifer Roberge, LeAndra Wilder, Jennifer Reilly, Sierra Yeargin, Ashley Prescott, and Jenn D'Angiolillo at the Florida Resident Assistant Seminar at Embry Riddle University in Daytona Beach, FL. Bottom: Ashley Prescott, Kenrick Roberts, Amanda Davis, Sierra Yeargin, Avril Thomas, Jenn D'Angiolillio, LeAndra Wilder, Matthew Battista, Jen Reilly, Jennifer Roberge, Chelsea Grant, and Debaro Huyler

She stresses that it is hard writing up your own residents because "you expect more from them and are actually more disappointed in them than mad about what they have done. I also didn't expect to get as close to my girls as I have. It is like we are one big family now; it is great," D'Angiolillo said.

Next time your name appears in some decorative and creative manner on your dorm room door, or you stand back and admire a new bulletin board on your way to class, think about who has put it there for you and thank them. Take the time to notice what others are doing on your behalf and appreciate it.

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Valentine's Day is not just for couples

It is a misconception that Valentine's Day can only be celebrated by those who are in love.

BY SARAH FOLSOM
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Are you feeling lonely this Valentine's Day? Many people see Valentine's Day as a commercial holiday, meant and created by those people in the world who have someone to share it with.

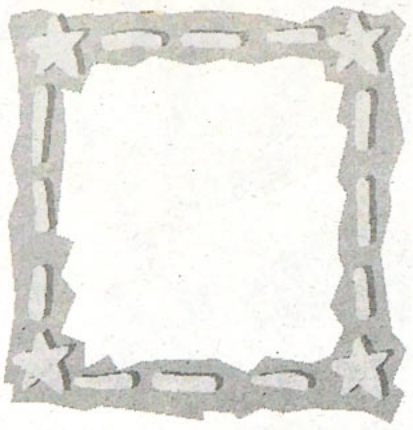
The intent of Valentine's Day is pure. You take time out of your life to tell that special someone what he or she means to you. And, don't you like to be told you are special in return? Whether you have someone to share this holiday with or not, you should encourage everyone to pay some special attention this year to their friends!

Even if you don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend, everyone has friends! And let's face it, sometimes it is easier to tell a friend something rather than someone you are involved with. Friendship in itself is a special bond with no national holiday to commemorate it. Friends who are always there for you deserve recognition on this day, since perhaps they have been good to you in the past without the proper recognition.

Here are ten thoughtful things you can do for a friend to show him or her your appreciation without going broke or overboard!

1. Offer to make dinner for a friend who may be lonely this holiday! If you, yourself, have someone to share it with, and you don't want to put your significant other aside on this day, then have dinner for your friend the night before. This way, your friends are taken care of and so is your loved one.

2. If you are into making things and being creative then a home-made gift is sure to touch any heart. Even if it is just a card, it was made with care and will be cared about and appreciated!



3. Dig up some old photos of you and your friends. You can experiment with making them a creative and fun frame, or you can buy one. Even without a frame, reminiscing about past times with people you care about will not only show them you care but will brighten up both of your days.
4. Burn a CD. Everyone on campus who is not a commuter student has a laptop provided by the University. Every laptop has the potential to burn CDs with the proper installations. Burning a CD (legally, of course) with songs that represent moments you and your friend have been through is a great way to not only strengthen the bond you have with him or her but acknowledge it.

5. Instead of emailing your friends from back home who you have been thinking about, call them. If you have been thinking about them, chances are they have been thinking about you too. There is nothing better than a *real* conversation as opposed to an email.
6. If you and a friend are both without plans for Valentine's Day, then join forces and go to the movies or go shopping. Don't sit at home and feel down when you can be out having fun this Valentine's Day.
7. Saint Leo University is notorious for specialized shirts! Everywhere you look someone is wearing a shirt, possibly homemade or even dorm made, to signify being a part of a certain club or organization. Making a friend a gift he or she can wear to celebrate the two of you is definitely a unique and eye-catching way to tell someone he or she is special!

8. If you are a male with a female friend you would like to celebrate, send her flowers, but keep it simple and inexpensive. One simple rose or just a few daisies is sure to do the trick. Pair this with a card, and you have yourself the perfect Valentine's Day gift for the BFF in your life who happens to be of the female gender.
9. Instead of actually getting a friend something, do something for him or her! College students have been known to be among the laziest people in the world, (or so I've heard) so doing a friend's laundry or cleaning up his or her room is a nice way to show that friend you are thinking about him or her, and it requires no previous thought or work.

10. Pick up a simple box of chocolates at Super WalMart or Flying J. Since everyone frequents those places anyway, this is a quick, fairly inexpensive way to show a friend you are thinking about him or her.

Finally, you don't have to wait until February 14! Appreciating your friends is something everyone should do on a daily basis! Show them you care anytime you can.

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Arts & Entertainment

2005 MOVIES IN REVIEW

Films of 2005 excited, delighted, disappointed audiences.

BY JOHN KELMER

Special to The Lions' Pride

This past year was filled with stale action summer blockbusters, moronic slasher flicks, and comic book characters who come to life, only to die off a week later. However, the smaller produced films have become the most noteworthy and will live on much longer than the rest of the junk made in 2005. Here's my list of the top ten films of 2005.

10. Capote - Author Truman Capote's life and writing career are explored thoroughly in this film by first-time director Bennett Miller. Phillip Seymour Hoffman does a fantastic job portraying Capote as the author composes his most famous work, *In Cold Blood*. The plot of the film revolves around Capote's interesting and disturbing research methods. Catherine Keener delivers a top notch performance as *To Kill a Mocking Bird* author, Harper Lee. I highly recommend this film to any fan of either of these two writers.

9. Cinderella Man - Director Ron Howard's summer film was a fantastic account of boxer and American hero Jim Braddock. Russell Crowe succeeds in delivering the most sincere character of his career as he depicts Braddock's struggles to raise his family and find work during the Great Depression. Crowe's performance was enhanced by the strength of his supporting cast, Renee Zellweger and Paul Giamatti. The uplifting and sentimental film is perfect for viewers of all ages.

8. Shopgirl - Based upon the novella by funny man Steve Martin, *Shopgirl* possesses a melancholy tone that Martin fans may be unaccustomed to. The film focuses on the competition of two men to gain the love of the dowdy Mirabelle (Claire Danes). Martin plays Ray Porter, an older millionaire, while Jason Schwartzman plays Jeremy Kraft, an eccentric clerk from an amplifier stenciling store. The love triangle challenges Mirabelle's character and creates a somber film that may be the most earnest of Martin's career.

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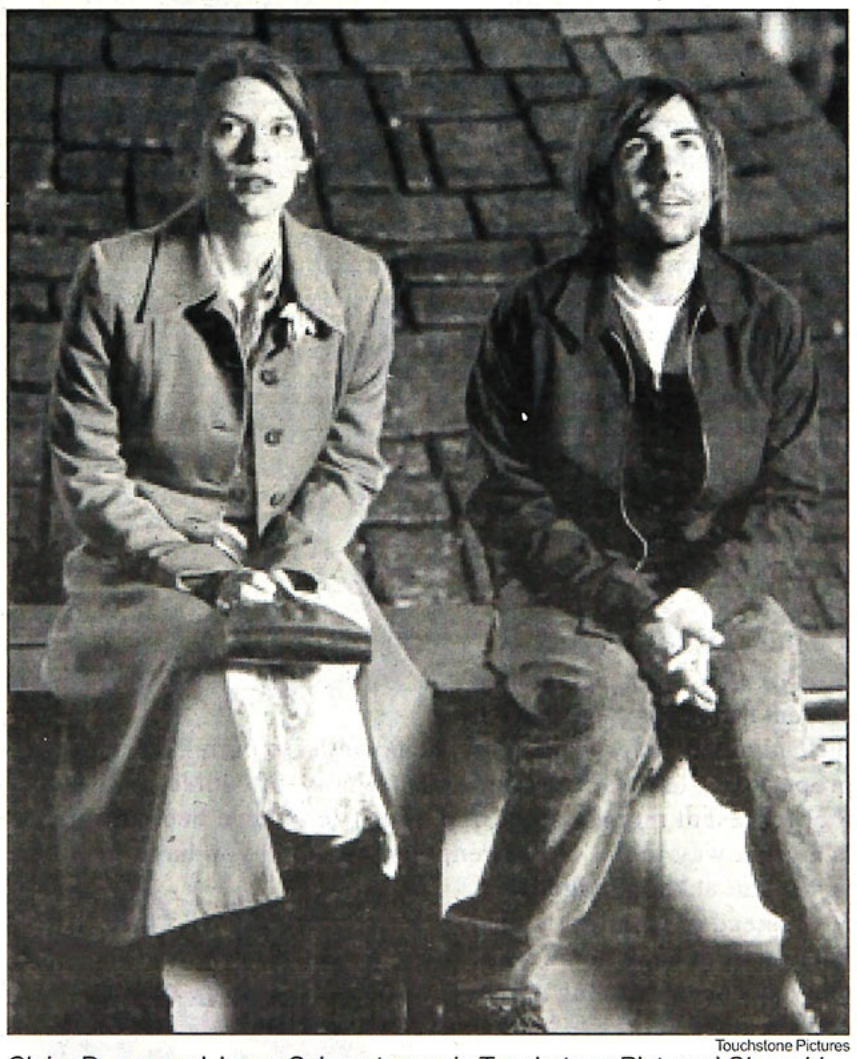
Johnny, (Phoenix) always a man driven by emotion, proposed to June (Witherspoon) on stage in 1968.

7. Walk the Line - The genuine account of legendary musician Johnny Cash could not have been made better. Director James Mangold was able to transform Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon into Johnny and June Cash while giving a beautifully accurate account of their struggles and triumphs both in the music industry and in life. The film is certainly one of the best biopics that has been made in recent years and deserves any Hollywood nods it may receive.

6. Syriana - As an ode his 2000 masterpiece, *Traffic*, executive producer Steven Sodenburg's protégé, Steven Graham, wrote and directed this brooding look at the oil business played out in an elaborate scenario that is not exactly so far from reality. George Clooney, Matt Damon, and Jeffery Plummer all provide a magnificent supporting cast in the portrayal of various hot spots of the oil business in the current day of globalization.



Touchstone Pictures

Claire Danes and Jason Schwartzman in Touchstone Pictures' *Shopgirl*.

5. Crash- Deserving to be commended for having the best ensemble cast of the year, this is the collective story of Los Angeles citizens from all different backgrounds who come together to depict the connectivity of ordinary situations. Don Cheadle and Matt Dillon give the best performances as civil workers who are

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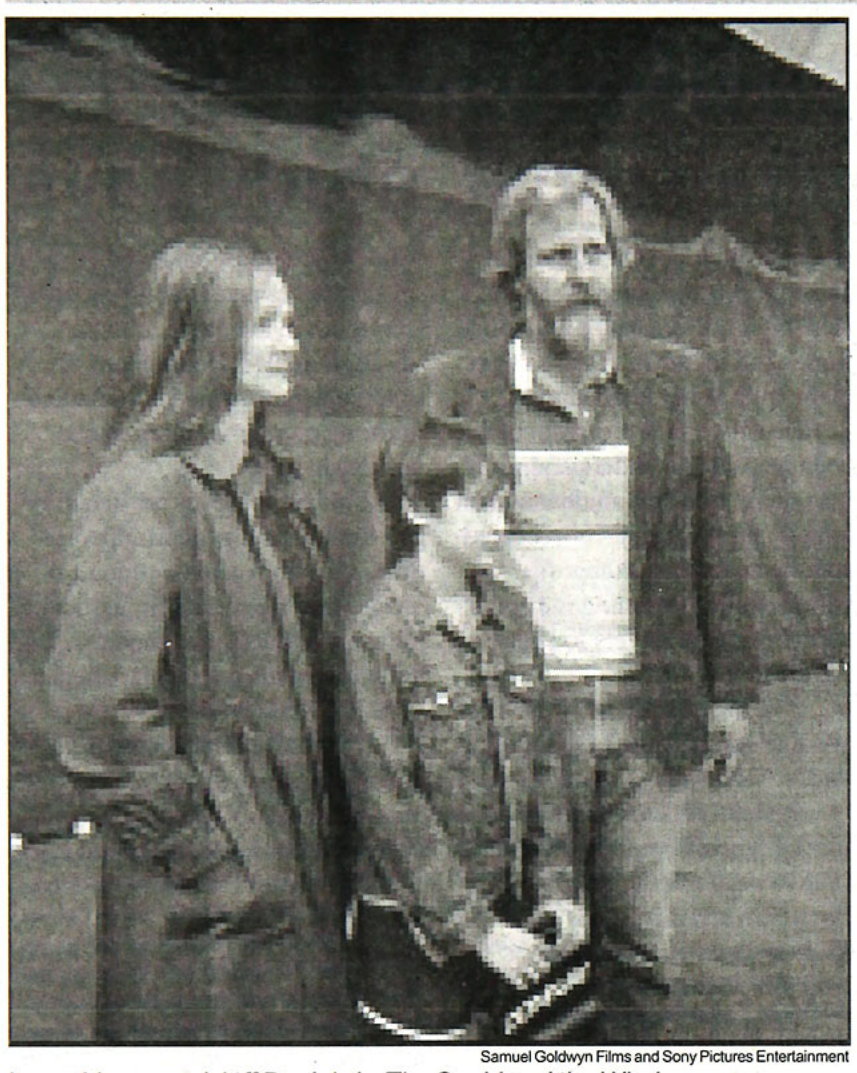
Thandie Newton and Matt Dillon in Lions Gate Films' *Crash*.



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Laura Linney and Jeff Daniels in *The Squid and the Whale*.

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Heath Ledger and Michelle Williams in *Brokeback Mountain*.

challenged with questions involving race and humanity. Writer/Director Paul Haggis created a provocative film by making unique and realistic characters who are undoubtedly his own.

4 Good Night and Good Luck - George Clooney's depth in his acting, writing/directing, and producing in recent years is something to be extremely admired and well respected. David Strahman brings emotion to his portrayal of journalist Edward R. Morrow to illustrate the importance of the historical CBS news correspondence during the reign of Senator Joe McCarthy. This film also had a very good supporting cast, including the likes of Jeff Daniels, Patricia Clarkson, and Robert Downey Jr.

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Good Night, and Good Luck details the real-life confrontations between legendary television journalist Edward R. Murrow and Senator Joseph McCarthy.

3 The Squid and the Whale- This is far and away the most self-destructive look at a family breaking apart because of selfish motives that I have ever seen. Jeff Daniels gives a winning performance as one of the biggest losers in film history. Laura Linney is a wonderful account of a successful mother torn apart by her significantly flawed home life. Being remarkable and unique at the same time has proven to make a great combination for what an indie film has been established to do: break ground.

2 Munich- Based on the massacre of Israeli athletes in the 1972 Olympics held in Munich, Germany, this film related the story of Israeli government employee Avner (Eric Bana) and his daunting task to retaliate against the Palestinians responsible for the murders. Avner is appointed by the Israeli government to lead a team of specialists who are to assassinate the patrons who provided the funds to have the Israeli athletes murdered. The movie is suspenseful and action packed as Avner and his team deal with issues of trust, resentment, and humanity. Although parts of the movie do not move as quickly as they should, the strong cast and storyline hold your attention in a deafening way. Director Steven Spielberg manages to assemble this film as a matter of hopeful peace and not as an act of conflict to any of the nations involved. It is a really well-made film filled with a lot of virtuous performances that I believe many people will truly enjoy.

1 Brokeback Mountain - Based on Pulitzer Prize winning writer Annie Poulx's short story, director Ang Lee crafts a pitch perfect tale between two teenage cowboys unfazed by their sixties generation while isolated on a Wyoming mountain range. Love grows between the two desperadoes in a time when this was not only taboo but often fatal. Both Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal give the best performances of 2005's terrific films. And with all of these remarkable aspects put together, for me and a lot of movie goers this year, this was undoubtedly the most reverent and unparalleled film of the year.

Sports

Athletes graduate more than most, study says

BY JIHAE MIN
Daily Texan (U. Texas)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — The national graduation rate of student athletes is 2 percent higher than the 60 percent rate of general students, despite the challenges involved in succeeding both academically and athletically, according to the 2005 annual graduation rate report of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

At the University of Texas, 61 percent of student athletes graduated within six years, while another 87 percent graduated after exhausting their four-to-six years of athletic eligibility, according to the report. Amongst students not involved in varsity athletics, 74 percent graduated within six years.

The students included in the NCAA report entered universities during the 1998-1999 academic year and completed their degree within six years. Only athletes on college scholarships were included in the report.

"The regular students and professors may not understand how much student-athletics are doing and how rigid their schedule is," said Randa Ryan, senior associate athletic director for Intercollegiate Athletics.

Most UT swim team members attend a two-hour swim practice before attending class. They have another two hours of weight lifting and two hours of swimming after school, she said. They then attend two hours of study hall, ending at 9 p.m. In addition, they go to swim competitions on Friday afternoons during swimming season, Ryan said.

"The closest way to look at student-athletics is like having a full-time job and going to school," said Tyler O'Halloran, a journalism junior and member of UT's swim team. "It's pretty challenging."

He said many professors have been helpful and understanding of his double role as a student and an athlete, but he has never received special treatment, except for taking exams or turning in papers early before he travels to swim competitions.

"We have to study as hard as average students do," O'Halloran said.

Student-athletes carry a special type of burden, as they have to be alert mentally in the classroom and physically in the field, said associate journalism professor Gene Burd.

"I am very proud of our student-athletics," Ryan said.

As a part of supporting student-athletics' balanced growth in academics and athletics, various services are available to them through the UT Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, including tutoring programs and financial aid, Ryan said.

Student-athletics are beneficial for fundraising, general support from the public and community pride, said Kent Darrett, associate director of public and media relations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

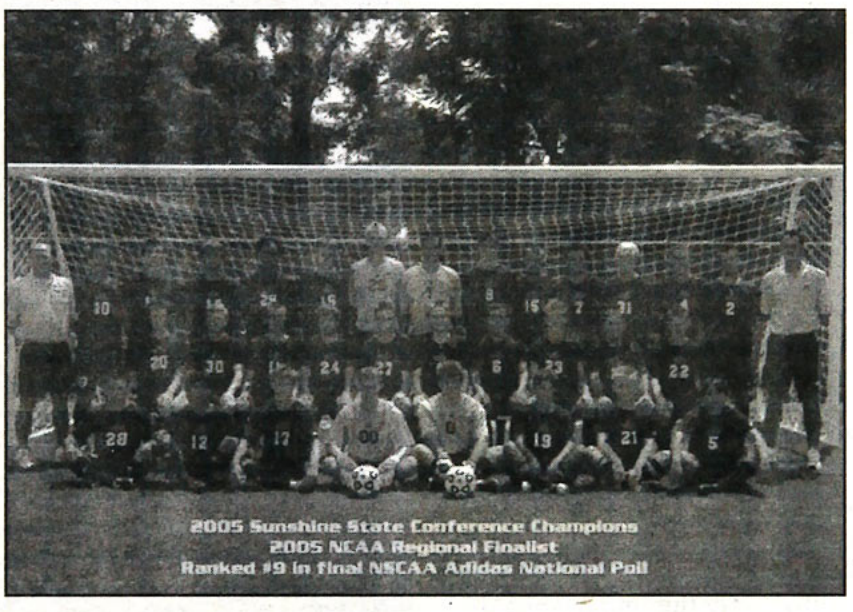
They have contributed to building a sense of community and a positive school reputation at such a big university like UT, Burd said.

Darrett said student-athletics have been on campuses nation-wide for longer than a century and are now a component of college life that increases the quality of the college experience for other students.

Men's Soccer Team ties for 13th in Division II for improvement in 2005

The Saint Leo University men's soccer team finished tied for 13th in all of Division II for most improved teams in 2005. The Lions were 10-5-1 in 2004 and 15-2-0 in 2005 for an improvement of four games. Holy Family University of Philadelphia, PA finished first with an improvement of 7.5. The Lions had the most improvement of any Sunshine State Conference team. Holy Family was 3-14-1 in 2004 and 11-7-1 in 2005.

The Lions finished sixth in attendance for the 2005 season in Division II with 3,734 at home games. Fort Lewis University (CO) was first with 8,281. Saint Leo was 11th in average attendance of 339, while Fort Lewis was first at 752. Saint Leo was fourth overall in single game attendance highs with 965 on October 29, 2005 against Florida Tech. Fort Lewis was first with an attendance of 2,299 for a game at home against California State Dominguez Hills on November 19.



Women's basketball player Parrish selected Saint Leo athlete-of-the-week

Women's basketball player Denequia Parrish has been voted Saint Leo University athlete-of-the-week for the week of January 23-29.The sophomore point guard from Ft. Lauderdale, scored 18 points, had four steals, three assists, three rebounds and one blocked shot in one game last week. She saw 37 minutes of action.

Parrish was true on seven-of-nine from the floor and four-of-five from the charity stripe. Parrish is now the team's third leading scorer at 9.6 points a game. She leads the team in steals with 49 and is first on the team in assists with 61. She also leads the team in minutes played, averaging 29.5. She is the team leader, also, in free throw percentage among players who average at least two charity tosses a game. She is 38-of-54 for 70.4 percent.

Saint Leo softball team ranked No. 20 In NFCA pre-season poll

SAINT LEO - Saint Leo University is ranked No. 20 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II preseason national poll. The poll is voted on by eight Division II head coaches, representing the eight NCAA regions.

The Lions finished the 2005 season with a 35-17 record. They were third in the Sunshine State Conference, earned a post-season bid and played in the South Region tournament. Coach Christi Wade's team was not ranked in the final poll last year.

Two other conference teams are ranked in the pre-season poll. Defending national champion Lynn University is No. 25 and Florida Southern College is No. 13.

In addition to the three SSC teams, other South Region teams ranked include Alabama-Huntsville at No. 4 and the University of West Florida at No. 28.

Humboldt Stte (CA) is ranked No. 1 in the nation. Six coaches voted the team No. 1. Angelo Sate (CA), 2004 champion, is rnaked No. 2. Saint Leo plays Angelo State on February 16 in the Division II Leadoff Classic in Phoenix, AZ.